IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the section entitled "Related Inventions" on page of the specification with the following:

Related Inventions

This invention is related to the following inventions which are assigned to the same assignee as the present invention and which were filed on even date herewith:

Serial No. 09/663,523 [_____], entitled "Service Framework with Just-In-Time Look-Up";

Serial No. 09/663,522 [_____], entitled "Service Framework with Consolidation of Local and Remote Services";

Serial No. 09/663,278 [_____], entitled "Service Framework with Local Proxy for Representing Remote Services";

Serial No. 09/662,307 [_____], entitled "Service Framework for Evaluating Remote Services Based Upon Transport Characteristics"; and

Serial No. 09/662,441 [_____], entitled "Service Framework With Hidden Services".

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20 with the following:

Servers 102, while illustrated as coupled to regional node 104, could be implemented at any hierarchical level(s) within information appliance system 100. For example, servers 102 could also be implemented within one or more local nodes 106, concierge service ~~112~~114, and Internet ~~114~~112.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 24 with the following:

Regional node 104 also comprises any number of transmitters/receivers ~~177~~175 for transmitting and receiving communications via wireless link 171 to and from any number of local nodes 106. Communications are transmitted and received through an antenna 170.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 26 with the following:

Service framework 335, to which the current invention pertains, is responsible for providing services required by applications 302. Additional description of the server platform service framework ~~325~~335 is provided elsewhere herein.